World Food Programme

1700. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of schemes started under the World Food Programme in Uttar Pradesh particularly in the Agra district; and

(b) the names of places where the World Food Programme has been introduced in the State from 1994 to 1995-96 ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Under the World Food Programme, (WFP) there are two Projects in Uttar Pradesh viz.,

1. Project 2206.06, Support to Integrated child Development Services (ICDS) Schemes.
2. Project 2751, Watershed Development and Afforestation in Uttar Pradesh.

Agra district is not covered in either of the projects.

(b) The following districts are covered in the two WFP assisted Projects in Uttar Pradesh :

Project	Districts covered
Project 2206.06, Support to Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Schemes.	Sultanpur, Varanasi, Azamgarh, Ghazipur, Mau, Basti, Siddharthanagar, Gorakhpur, Maharajganj, Deoria and Ballia.
Project 2751, Watershed Development and Afforestation in Uttar Pradesh.	Pauri Garhwal, Tehri Garhwal, Chamoli, Uttar Kashi, Dehra Dun, Pithoragarh, Almora, Nainital, Pilibhit, Sahajahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur, Sultanpur, Rai Bareli, Unnao, Lucknow, Barabanki, Sitapur, Hardoi, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Allahabad and Sonbhadra.

Subsidy on Urea

1701. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the decision taken by the Government to raise the subsidy on Urea;

(b) the rationale behind the proposal particularly in the context of the recommendations of the Committee on Secretaries; and

(c) the reaction of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the fertilizer pricing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) and (c) Do no arise.

[Translation]

Insurgency and Racial Riots in NER

1702. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL :
SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :
DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether insurgent activities and racial riots in the North Eastern region has increased recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of civilians/security personnel killed/ injured in the insurgency and racial riots; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to root out such violence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Certain States in the North-East Region have varying degrees of militancy and terrorism. It cannot be said that there is any increase in such activities. The activities of Bodo militants in Assam, Kuku-Naga ethnic conflict in Manipur and Nagaland and the tribal-nontribal conflict in Tripura are a matter of concern.

(c) During the current year and upto 14 February, 1997 in the insurgency affected States of Assam, Tripura, Manipur and Nagaland, 132 civilians and 20 Security Forces/Police personnel were killed.

(d) The steps taken to root out such violence include, *inter alia*, deployment of additional units of the Central Para-Military Forces and the Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence, sanction of India Reserve Battalions, modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces, sanction of special Central assistance, declaration of the most seriously affected areas as disturbed areas and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate decisions.

Scholarships to Students of Minority Communities

1703. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated for giving scholarships to the students of Ist to 10th Standard belonging to minority communities in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;